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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF
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Sir:

Reference is made to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, a copy of which is submitted herewith. As continuing data are presented on the first page of the specification, as filed, a preliminary amendment is unnecessary.

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The amendment document filed on 10/24/03 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required. Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be re-submitted. 37 CFR 1.121(h).

THE FOLLOWING CHECKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSES THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

1. Amendments to the specification:
 A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
 B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
 C. Other Containing data as of July 30, 2003, cannot be a part of transmittal letter, please correct and submit as separate Pre-Amendment

2. Abstract:
 A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
 B. Other _____

3. Amendments to the drawings: _____

4. Amendments to the claims:
 A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
 B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims).
 C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following 7 status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Cancelled), (Withdrawn), (Previously presented), (New) and (Not entered).
 D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
 E. Other: _____

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP Sec. 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/ona/prenotice/officeletter.pdf>.

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